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Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord,

Once again, I am very proud of the generosity of our parish. Within a week of my announcement that our parish would sponsor the building of a **house for a family in Haiti**, we have raised the \$3,750 necessary to fund that house. And we have continued to receive donations, which puts us now past that goal. If donations continue to be received this weekend and this coming week, we will look at the possibility of funding a second house or of donating to the parish of Our Lady of the Assumption, who hosted us for the mission trip. Thank you for your generosity!

For a couple weeks now, we have been posting our **schedule of Masses for Christmas** and New Years in the bulletin. I've also included that schedule on the back of this letter, for your convenience.

It has become a tradition to honor the volunteers of our parish each year with a Christmas party to thank them for their generous work here in our parish. We will continue this tradition with a **Volunteer Christmas Party** at the rectory (1342 Moss St.) on Saturday, December 29th, 6:30-8:30pm. All who volunteer in any way in our parish and all who are involved in our parish organizations and associations are invited to join us as we celebrate the Birth of our Lord and Messiah!

Finally, as we prepare our hearts for the great feast of Christmas, I want to remind you that one of the most effective means of preparation is through the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. You may have noticed that we now have five regular times for confession every week in our parish: Saturdays 3:00-3:45pm, Sundays 5:15-5:45pm, Tuesdays 6:10-6:50pm, Wednesdays 6:30-6:50am, and Fridays 7:40-8:00am. We have also provided cards near the confessionals that can help you to prepare for confession. Whether it's been a month or a year or a decade, come receive the gift of God's mercy in the sacrament of reconciliation and allow the Lord to prepare your heart for His Coming at Christmas!

To Jesus through Mary,

Fr. Jonathan

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Christmas and New Year's Day Mass Schedules

Monday, December 24, Christmas Eve

- 7:00 AM Daily Mass
- 4:00 PM Vigil Mass

Tuesday, December 25, Christmas Day

- 9:00 AM Mass
- 11:00 AM Mass
- ***NO 6:00 PM MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY***
- ***NO HOLY HOUR ON CHRISTMAS DAY***

Wednesday, December 26 - Friday, December 28

- 7:00 AM Daily Mass

Sunday, December 30, The Feast of the Holy Family

- Regular Weekend Schedule

Monday, December 31

- 7:00 AM Daily Mass
- 4:00 PM Vigil Mass

Tuesday, January 1, The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

- 9:00 AM Mass
- 11:00 AM Mass
- ***NO 7:00 AM MASS***
- ***NO 6:00 PM MASS***
- ***NO HOLY HOUR***